

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of July 13, 2007 is gratefully acknowledged.

The specification has been amended to include appropriate heading and to replace the claim references to their claim equivalent.

Claims 1 - 20 have been presented for examination. These claims have been examined with the following result: claim 1 is objected to because of the recitation of the terms "fastenably" and "coupleably"; claims 4 - 20 as being in improper dependent form; claim 1 as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph; and claims 1 - 3 under 35 USC 102(b) by 3,305,623.

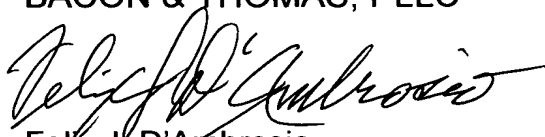
In view of the noted objections and rejections, claims 1 - 20 have been replaced with new claims 21 - 40. New claims 21 - 40 avoid the objections noted and the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The scope of new claims 21 - 40 matches that of claims 1 - 20, so that the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is respectfully traversed.

Bakker et al does not, it is respectfully submitted, disclose an intermediate layer which is ***an adhesive plastic***, and which has a ***reinforcing element embedded*** in the intermediate layer. In Bakker et al, the elements 3 and 4 are mesh layers which are not adhesive and do not have reinforcing elements embedded therein. They are reinforcing elements. Layers 1, 2 and 3 of Bakker et al are spaced apart. There is no adhesive connection. Moreover, in Bakker et al, the shielded observation windows for electronic devices, which is quite far afield of the panel system disclosed and claimed in this application. With these differences, anticipation is not applicable.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 21 - 40 found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,
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